

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation leading to manipulation of the public and their opinions.

Sinclair is licensed by the FCC and uses the public airwaves free of charge, and I shouldn't have to remind you, is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for their bottom line and future regulatory decisions and less of what we need for our democracy, which is unbiased reporting of current facts and issues and both sides of any story.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.